

CONFIDENT ANGLO-IRISH PEACE PACT WILL BE RATIFIED

For the First Time There is Disposition on Part of Dail Members Supporting Treaty to Predict Definitely It Will be Ratified—Griffith and De Valera at Loggerheads—Mary MacSwiney Marked Out Republican Policy of Rebellion Against Free State.

Dublin, Dec. 21.—The possibility of concluding the debate on the Irish agreement, and reaching a decision by tomorrow night, was indicated by Eamonn De Valera, at the close of today's sessions of the Dail Eireann when he suggested that, if the discussions were not concluded tomorrow afternoon, an evening session should be held "to finish it."

Arthur Griffith, criticising Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, for speaking so long (her address occupied two hours and forty minutes), thought that fifteen minutes would be sufficient for each of the remaining speakers to express their views. One deputy expressed the opinion that no more speeches were required, and in this he appeared to voice the impatience of many members to vote without further delay.

For the first time there was a disposition tonight on the part of certain members of the Dail Eireann supporting the treaty, to predict definitely that it will be ratified. The character of the applause today, and the incidental remarks of the speakers, tended to support this prediction.

Near the close of her long speech Miss MacSwiney not only said that she might never have another opportunity to address that assembly, unless Ireland became a republic, but marked out her future policy, and that the Republican party of rebellion against the free state. She has had opportunities of ascertaining the views of the members of the Dail Eireann, and these references were taken as pointing to her conviction of rebellion against the free state.

George Gavin Duffy and other speakers for ratification, seemed to take it for granted that the Dail Eireann would approve the treaty, but despite these indications, a large element of the Dublin population continued apprehensive tonight regarding the outcome.

There were several references today, as yesterday, to a plebiscite, whatever the Dail decision may be, in order to obtain a free expression from the electorate on the issue, and thus "clear the air."

Much friction between the opposing sides was in evidence. Interchanges in the morning session between Mr. De Valera and Mr. Griffith were marked by acerbity, creating a tense atmosphere. The speech of William Cosgrave in the afternoon, however, went far towards restoring mutual friendliness. Cosgrave, one of the most active and popular members of the Dail Eireann, who is in close touch with municipal and county organizations throughout Ireland, and is re-

Several Families Deported From Maine To Province of Quebec

Entered State in Violation of Immigration Laws—Rounded Up in Lewiston and Portland.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Half a dozen or families, who entered this country in violation of the immigration laws, have been deported to various parts of the province of Quebec from Biddeford and Lewiston, United States Inspector Samuel H. Howes, in charge of the Maine Immigration district, announced today.

This is the start of a movement to check the illegal entry of aliens who are crossing from that province into Maine in automobiles, over cross roads, so as to avoid immigration officers stationed along the border.

Thorough investigations, in all the industrial centres of the state are being conducted. Many were eligible by submitting to examination, but feared being turned back, he explained. Others were illiterate, and realizing they would not be permitted to enter, paid from \$60 to \$100 each to have automobiles transport them illegally across the border.

Australia Will Lift Restrictions On German Trade

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—The Vancouver Province carries the following cable from Sydney, N. S. W.: Premier Hughes proposes to issue a proclamation removing restrictions on trade with Germany. The new foreign postal rates from Australia are now four pence, a big increase from the former rate of two and a half pence. The British Empire rates are unchanged.

THREE DEAD; MANY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Basement Gas Explosion in Columbus Apartment Store Attended by Frightful Results.

HOSPITALS CROWDED WITH INJURED

Explosion Happened When Store Was Filled With Christmas Shoppers.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—While the police reported twelve dead and forty injured, a check of hospitals showed only three dead, all unidentified women as a result of a basement gas explosion, late this afternoon, that partially wrecked Wright's Women's Furnishing store in main street, near Third. Thirty-four injured are being cared for at four local hospitals. A police sergeant, who directed the work of removing the dead and injured, reported to be twelve persons were known to be dead.

Hospitals Filled.

Every available ambulance in the city was kept busy for some time hauling the injured to four nearby hospitals. These hospitals reported tonight that several of the injured may die.

The explosion occurred shortly after five o'clock, while the store was filled with shoppers, and while the streets were crowded. The front of the three story building was demolished and the sidewalk in front destroyed.

Firemen attributed the cause of the disaster to a leak in the gas main, under the sidewalk, which allowed the gas to enter the basement of the store where they were ignited by a furnace.

The force of the blast broke windows under the sidewalk, and tore up a portion of the street and sidewalk, demolishing several automobiles standing nearby.

Portland in Fair Way To Lose Its Winter Shipments

Strike of Longshoremen Has Placed Embargo on Export Freight for That Port.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Members of the local "Longshoremen's Union" walked out today, after failure to reach an agreement with the steamship lines on working conditions, and all work on trans-Atlantic vessels ceased. Between three and four hundred men are affected.

J. H. Edward, manager for the Grand Trunk Railway in this city, announced that an embargo had been declared on export freight from Portland, and that 1,300 cartons of merchandise had been held up pending orders for diversion elsewhere. He intimated that preparations were being made by the Grand Trunk to use New London, Conn., as a port for winter shipments.

Rumanians Freed From Murder Charge

Evidence Establishing Alibi Contributed to Acquittal—Five Minutes' Deliberation by Jury.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Following five minutes' deliberation, a King's Bench jury here this afternoon acquitted Savell Lazaravitch and Jan Kosco of a charge of manslaughter preferred against them in connection with the death of Vasile Nicheter, a Rumanian comrade, who was beaten to death under the Moreau street viaduct in July last.

Soviet Russia's First Budget Has Executive Approval

Moscow, Dec. 21.—The central executive committee of the Soviet Government today approved Soviet Russia's first budget estimate on a gold basis. It is for the period from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1, 1922.

The Government's income for that period is estimated at 1,571,000,000 gold rubles, and the expenditures are estimated at 1,877,000,000 rubles, representing the smallest estimated deficit in the history of the Soviet Government.

MACKENZIE KING WILL BE OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIVE

When He Goes Back to North York For Re-election After He Forms His Cabinet.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Telegram this afternoon says that when Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King goes back to North York for re-election, after he forms his cabinet, he will be opposed by Lieutenant Colonel J. Herbert Lennox, K. C., M. P., Conservative.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CANADA STRONG

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GOVT REVENUES SHOW INCREASE

Canadians May Well Look Forward to Future With Pardonable Pride and Confidence.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press)—In a statement handed out this evening, Sir Henry Dugan, Minister of Finance, reviews the financial condition of Canada. He finds that, notwithstanding a year of falling values and business difficulties, the finances of the country have been wonderfully maintained. The revenue, exclusive of railways—the real consolidated fund revenue—instead of falling as of December 1, has actually increased.

The following statement shows the amount of this revenue set out for the eight months' period, namely, down to December 1, for the past eight years:

1914	\$1,497,510.65
1915	2,094,533.06
1916	1,774,725.58
1917	1,498,889.23
1918	1,675,345.54
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1920	2,643,578.81
1921	2,657,211.03

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AGREEMENT NEAR IN THE DISCUSSIONS OVER SHANTUNG

Japanese Express View That Temporary Halt in Exchange of Views Did Not Constitute a Serious Deadlock—Chinese Say Discussions Have Encountered Serious Obstacles—Opponents of Treaty in U. S. Senate Make Charge Four-Power Agreement Was Drafted in a Way to Deceive.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The formal negotiations of the Arms Conference were at a standstill today, but groups of delegates continued personal consultations, which appeared to strengthen the general confidence of an early solution of all the points remaining at issue.

With definite capital ship ratios agreed upon by five of the principal powers, there was revealed a feeling that limitation of auxiliary craft was largely a minor question of detail, in the settlement of which the individual desires of the various nations could be generally accepted. The view was expressed that the real business of the conference had been accomplished, in the limitation of line ships, since it is that class of war vessels which constitutes the major element of naval aggression, and which at the same time entails the great bulk of public expenditure.

France is to present her estimates for auxiliary vessels at tomorrow's meeting of the naval committee, and although she is expected to ask for a submarine and cruiser strength out of proportion to the capital ship ratio fixed for her, no one appears to regard the prospect of adjusting her claims as a difficult one. It is not understood to be regarded as essential by conference leaders, that the capital ship ratios be applied rigidly down the line through the various classes of smaller vessels.

Progress in Shantung.

In the Shantung negotiations, too, the day's informal conference developed no indications of a trend toward agreement. The Japanese, who are waiting for further instructions from Tokio regarding the terms of withdrawal from the Teing Tsing-Pai railway, expressed the opinion that the temporary halt in formal exchanges with the Chinese did not constitute a serious deadlock. Similar expressions came from other delegations, although the Chinese seemed inclined to fear that the discussions had encountered a serious obstacle.

In the interim, between formal meetings of the various divisions of the conference, the delegates of all the powers continued an animated discussion among themselves regarding the question of interpreting the new four-power Pacific treaty. The difference in view revealed yesterday between President Harding and members of the United States delegation, relating to the application of the treaty to the principal islands of the Japanese Empire, furnished the chief topic of personal conversation among many of the foreign plenipotentiaries who privately expressed themselves as unable to understand how such a situation had developed.

Treaty Opponents Rejoice.

No further explanation was forthcoming.

Former Berlin Police Commissioner To Serve Five Years

Sentence Imposed for Part He Played in Kapp Revolt of 1920.

Leipzig, Dec. 21.—Dr. Traugott Von Jagow, former Berlin police commissioner, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment today by the Federal Supreme Court for his part in the Kapp revolt of March, 1920, which temporarily overthrew the Weimar Government. His sentence stipulates that his imprisonment be served in a detention fortress. Baron Von Waagenheim and Dr. Scholz, co-defendants, were acquitted.

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